## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image recording and reproducing device comprising:

record processing means for recording image data on a first recording area of a recording medium and recording specific information on a second recording area of said recording medium;

reproduction processing means for reproducing said first and second recording areas; and

means for converting said reproduced specific information to electric information, which is difficult to recognize, so that said electric information is selectively combined with said image data.

2. Device according to claim 1, further comprising:

multiplexing means for multiplexing said converted electric information, which is difficult to recognize, and said reproduced image data, to output; and

selecting means for selecting said multiplexed data obtained from said multiplexing means or said reproduced image data to output.

3. Device according to claim 1, further comprising:

generating means for generating said specific information.

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4. Device according to claim 1, wherein said first recording area is provided on a first recording medium and said second recording area is provided on a second recording medium.

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An image recording and reproducing method comprising the steps of:

recording image data on a first recording area of a recording medium and recording specific information on a second recording area of said recording medium;

reproducing said first and second recording areas;

converting said reproduced specific information to electric information, which is difficult to recognize, so that said electric information is selectively combined with said image data.

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6. Method according to claim 5, further comprising,:

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multiplexing said converted electric information, which is difficult to recognize, and said reproduced image data, to output; and

selecting said multiplexed data or said reproduced image data to output.

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7. Device according to claim 5, further comprising a step of:

generating said specific information.

Device according to claim 5/, wherein said first recording area is provided on a first recording medium, and said second recording area is provided on a second recording medium.

A memory medium readable with computer, comprising the processing of:

recording image data on a first recording area of a recording medium and recording specific information on a second recording area of said recording medium;

reproducing said first and second recording areas; and

converting said reproduced specific information to electric information, which is difficult to recognize, so that said electric information is selectively combined with said image data.

Memory medium according to claim 9 further 10. comprising the processing of:

multiplexing said converted electric information, which is difficult to recognize, and said reproduced image data, to output; and

selecting said multiplexed data or said reproduced image data to butput.

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12. Memory medium according to claim 9, wherein said first recording area is provided on a first recording medium, and said second recording area is provided on a second recording medium.

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